

## **PATENT**

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Applicants:

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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS TO EFFECTIVELY REDUCE A

NON-ACTIVE DETECTION GAP OF AN OPTICAL SENSOR

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF FINALITY

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this Response to the Office Action mailed 19 April 2006.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.